

ALBANY TOWNSHIP, BERKS COUNTY
Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes
Monday July 6, 2026 – 7:30 PM
Kempton Fire Company, 2461 Route 143 Kempton, PA 19529

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Albany Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:30 PM by Board Chairman Christopher Schucker.

Present: Board Members Christopher Schucker, Joshua Rabert and Charles Volk; Secretary/Treasurer Michele Morstatt; Roadmaster Ryan Rex; Solicitor James Davis; Engineer Joe Body

Absent:

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

SECRETARY / TREASURER

A motion to approve the Minutes of the 6/01/26 meeting was made by Charles and seconded by Chris.

Vote Call: Chris – Yes, Josh – Abstained, Charles – Yes

A motion to pay all bills presented at the 7/06/26 meeting was made by Josh and seconded by Charles.

Vote Call: Chris – Yes, Josh – Yes, Charles – Yes

A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as of 7/06/26 was made by Charles and seconded by Josh.

General Fund – \$ 521,237.99

State Fund – \$ 195,418.90

Vote Call: Chris – Yes, Josh – Yes, Charles – Yes

OLD BUSINESS

Proposed Communication Tower at 871 Stony Run Valley Road: Conditional Use Hearing #3 was held on July 6, 2026 at 6:30 PM at the Kempton Fire Company Social Hall. An executive session was held to discuss a decision. No decision was made. Next hearing is scheduled for August 3, 2026 at 7:00 PM at the Kempton Fire Company Social Hall.

Bittner Lot Line Adjustment at 9473 Red Road: A final subdivision plan was not received. Deferred to August meeting.

Proposed New Albright's Mill Storage Building: A final plan was presented for a proposed new storage building at the main mill location.

A motion was made by Charles and seconded by Josh to approve the Site and Drainage Plan presented for a new storage building at Albright's Mill.

Vote Call: Chris – Yes, Josh – Yes, Charles – Yes

Northeastern Berks Joint Comprehensive Plan: The next meeting will be held on July 9 at the Maxatawny Township municipal building. Topics to be covered include transportation, demographics, local economy, housing, and public survey.

NEW BUSINESS

Albany Township Employee Health Insurance Renewal: Insurance rate proposals were received for the period August 2026-July 2027.

A motion was made by Charles and seconded by Josh to approve switching the Employee Health Insurance Plan to Highmark Blue Shield Choice Blue PPO 500 as brokered by Element Risk Management LLC with a monthly premium of \$1,850.84.

Vote Call: Chris – Yes, Josh – Yes, Charles – Yes

Cohen Law Group Legal Services: A proposal was received from Cohen Law Group for providing legal services regarding wireless infrastructure.

A motion was made by Josh and seconded by Charles to accept the proposal to hire Cohen Law Group to provide legal services at a rate of \$320 per hour and not to exceed \$7,000.

Vote Call: Chris – Yes, Josh – Yes, Charles – Yes

ROADMASTER REPORT

Ryan Rex reported:

- Completed road base repair, installed cross pipes, millings on Hawk Mountain Road
- Assisted Maxatawny Twp prep for tar and chip, Greenwich Twp mill & fill
- Preparing for asphalt paving patch work
- Boom mower at Blue Mountain Equipment for issue with engine not starting and running properly
- Truck #2 draining battery

SOLICITOR REPORT

Jay Davis had nothing to report this month.

ENGINEER REPORT

Engineer Joe Body reported:

- Met with Frank Stelmach and agreed on a plan to address the field road erosion onto Kunkle Road. Some work was done but it is not adequate.
- Plans were received for the proposed chicken barns at 113 Quaker City Road.
- No progress on finalizing remaining open items at Burkholder duck barn (planting buffer trees, driveway entrance paving, etc.)
- Contacted PennDOT requesting consideration of traffic calming measures on Routes 143 & 737.
- Continue to work with Planning Commission and EAC on proposed ordinances for solar farms & data centers.

RECREATION BOARD REPORT

Stephen Hamm reported:

- The park property was damaged by patrons of the Kempton Fair who parked their vehicles on the park property and exited north onto Old Philly Pike.
- Recommend establishing a standard agreement for anyone requesting use of the park.
- Preparing a park webpage draft
- Received 3 donations for use at the park: \$140 from Ellie Peters (Girl Scouts held a book sale during Hawk Mountain Arts Tour); \$100 from Kempton New Church as thank you for using the park for 5K Run; \$200 from Kempton Community Center for using the park for overflow parking during the Kempton Fair.

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORT

Noah Rauch reported:

- Water Quality Protection BCCF Grant: macro-invertebrate water sampling stations have been set up on Pine Creek, Manor Creek, and Ontelaunee Creek. Stream levels have been low for water testing. Also working on GIS mapping.
- Continue to work with Planning Commission on Solar and Data Center ordinances.
- Corresponding with representatives from PA Bird Town to schedule a presentation on the program in the fall.
- Public presentations scheduled:
 - Tick Talk at Kempton Fire Co on July 14 at 7:00 PM
 - Plant walk at the Albany Township Park on July 25th at 9:00 AM

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:14 PM a motion to adjourn to executive session to discuss conditional use decision regarding the proposed communication tower at 871 Stony Run Valley Road was made by Josh and seconded by Charles.

Vote Call: Chris – Yes, Josh – Yes, Charles – Yes

The meeting was reconvened at 9:56 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:58 PM a motion to adjourn was made by Charles and seconded by Josh.

Vote Call: Chris – Yes, Josh – Yes, Charles – Yes

Respectfully Submitted by Michele Morstatt, Township Secretary